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REMARKS

Claims 1, 10, 14, 17, 18, 21 and 29 are amended as indicated below. Claims 7, 8 and 16 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-6, 9-15 and 17-31 remain in the application. In view of the following comments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Application be allowed and forwarded on to issuance.

Examiner Interview

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Lu for his time in discussing this application on January 25, 2007. During the interview Applicant's undersigned representative and the Examiner discussed the application and the reference to Sayers. It was agreed, in principle, that the amendments presented above clarify the claims' subject matter in a manner that distinguishes Sayers. While Applicant believes that the claims distinguish Sayers prior to their amendment, Applicant has nonetheless, in the interest of advancing prosecution, made the above amendments. Applicant wishes for the record to reflect that these amendments are not to be construed as an admission as to the propriety of the Office's rejections. As such, Applicant reserves its right to file one or more continuation applications to further pursue subject matter that it believes it is due.

§ 101 Rejections

Claims 1-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because, in the Office's opinion, "the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter". During the above-mentioned interview, Applicant discussed these rejections. The Office indicated that if the claims were amended as indicated above, the § 101

1 rejections would be traversed. Applicant again thanks the Examiner for his  
2 guidance.

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4 **§ 102 Rejections**

5 Claims 1-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated  
6 by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0205574 ("Sayers").

7 Applicant has amended the claims as indicated above. As discussed during  
8 the above-identified interview, these amendments were agreed by the Office to  
9 traverse the Office's rejections. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his guidance  
10 during this process.

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12 **Conclusion**

13 All of the remaining claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly,  
14 Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's  
15 next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of  
16 Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of  
17 scheduling an interview.

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